



## NEWS RELEASE

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# The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Thursday, April 16, 2020

## Board of Directors Meeting

The Woodlands Township Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting via videoconference today at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2020. Watch the video at <http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/778/Meeting-Videos>.



## Mobile Market Food Drive at the YMCA

Even though the doors of the YMCAs are closed during these difficult times of COVID-19, the Y is responding to the changing needs of our community and collaborating with organizations across Greater Houston and surrounding communities to address food insecurity. Distribution sites fill a critical need for so many.

Locally, Montgomery County Food Bank distributes food to more than 30,000 individuals a month in Montgomery County. They do this in partnership with more than 60 partner agencies including the YMCA. The Woodlands Family YMCA will host a mobile market in the Shadowbend YMCA parking lot on Saturday, April 25, 10am – noon.

Located at 6145 Shadowbend Place, boxes of food will be loaded into patron's cars by volunteers and Y Staff. Each family will receive fresh produce, dry/canned goods, frozen meat and breads/desserts. Distribution of food will be on a first-come, first-serve basis with enough food to serve 200 families. Social distancing guidelines will be strictly enforced.

As a non-profit organization, the Y depends on community support to continue to support those in need. For those who are YMCA members, we ask that you continue to support our work through your membership. Produce is provided by our partnership with [Brighter Bites](#) and [Houston Food Bank](#). If you are an individual or organization that would like to partner with the Y to support these efforts, please email [CommunityCare@ymcahouston.org](mailto:CommunityCare@ymcahouston.org).



For more information on Montgomery County Food Bank, the guidelines they are following to address the spread of COVID-19 and additional food distribution sites, please visit <https://mcfoodbank.org/>.

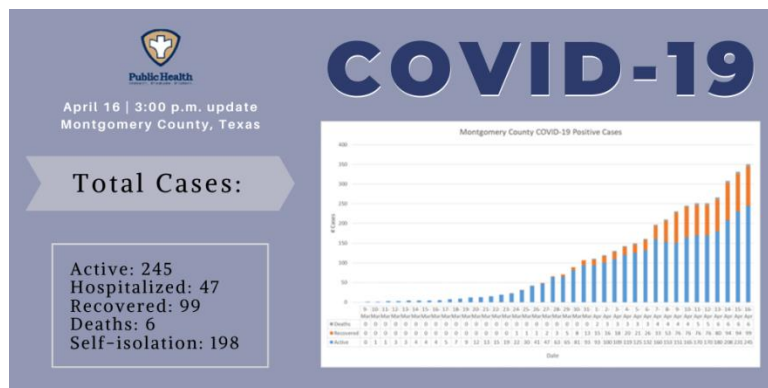
## ***Today's County News***

### **Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count**

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, confirms there are now 350 total positive cases of COVID-19, up 19 cases from yesterday. 100 people have recovered from COVID-19. If you would like to be tested for COVID-19, please contact the MCPHD/MCHD COVID-19 Hotline at 936-523-5040. Our center has a list of testing sites to share with those who are interested.

Details on Montgomery County cases can be found here: <https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/>.

Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management updates a dashboard for the cases here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.



### **Harris County COVID-19 Case Count**

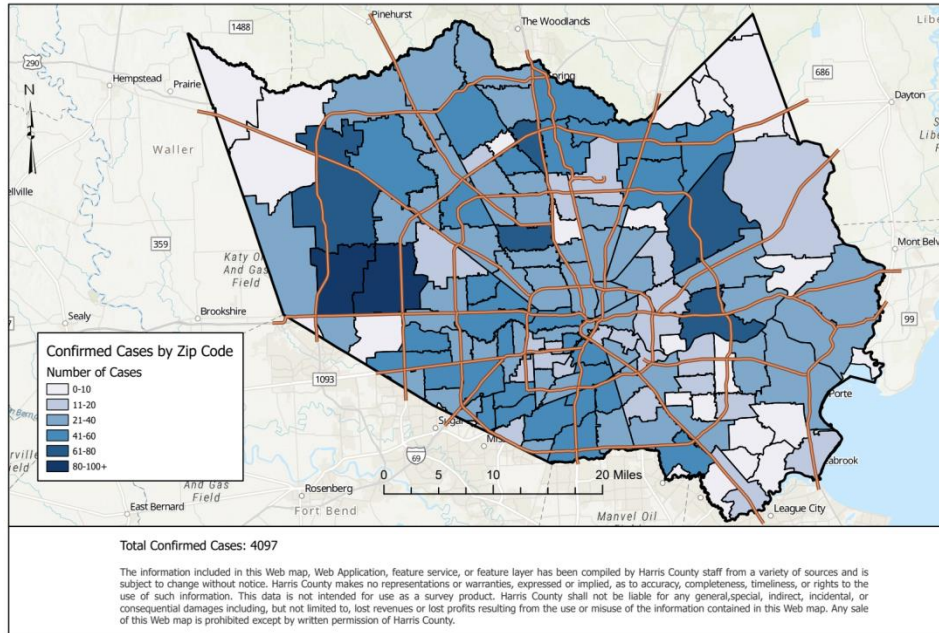
As of April 16, 2020 (4:00 p.m.), Harris County Public Health (HCPH) has 84 new cases of COVID-19, which brings the total to 1,850 positive cases. HCPH also confirms that 578 of its patients have recovered.

On April 13, 2020, Harris County began making case data available by range of positives cases and zip code. Data indicates there are between 11-20 positive cases in zip codes covering the vicinity of the Village of Creekside Park in The Woodlands and the Augusta Pines/ Auburn Lakes/West Rayford Road areas in northwest Harris County.

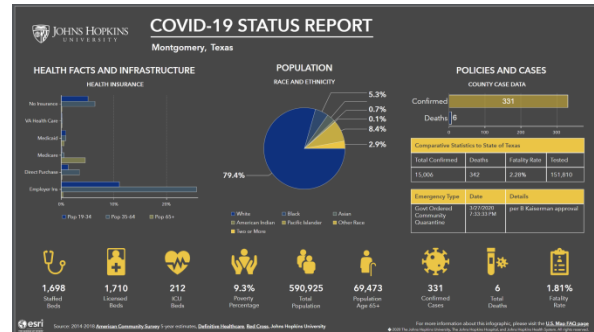
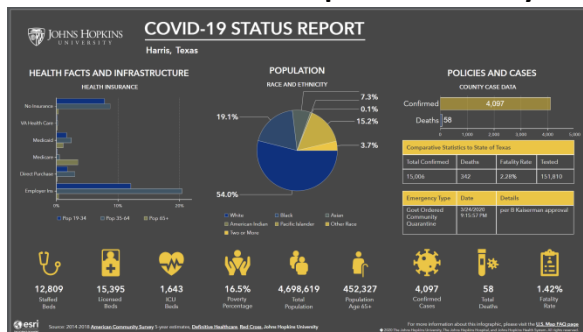
There have been 34 total deaths of COVID-19 in Harris County. None of these numbers include the City of Houston. A full description of the numbers can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/tzymvk5>



**Total Confirmed COVID-19 Cases  
Harris County/Houston**  
As of 4/15/2020



**Statistics from Johns Hopkins University**



For additional updated interactive graphics on cases in Harris and Montgomery Counties, please visit the links below:

Montgomery: <https://bao.arcgis.com/covid-19/jhu/county/48339.html>

Harris: <https://bao.arcgis.com/covid-19/jhu/county/48201.html>

**Two Mobile Testing Sites Coming to Precinct 4 Harris County**

*Tomball, Humble to Be Home to COVID-19 Testing Sites Within Week*

Harris County Commissioner R. Jack Cagle announced the opening of two COVID-19 testing sites in Precinct 4 within the week at locations in Tomball and Humble.

Harris County Public Health opened the first testing site in Tomball on Tuesday, April 14. That site will perform testing on registered visitors from April 14-16 and April 27-29.



A second Public Health testing site will open in Humble on Monday, April 20. The Humble location will test registered visitors from April 20-22 and May 7-9.

Each site is expected to handle as many as 100 tests per day, with that number increasing daily. The addresses of the sites will be provided to those successfully completing their registration, but will otherwise remain undisclosed to discourage unregistered visitors. **Unregistered visitors will not be tested and will be turned away by security officials.**

To determine whether you should be tested for COVID-19, please visit <https://checkforcorona.com/harris-county#/welcome>. Those deemed to be at risk for coronavirus will be given a code and phone number to call. After a telephone consultation, those still deemed to be at risk will be given another unique code and information on where and when they are to be tested. Those assigned for testing should bring a photo ID and any other information requested by the phone screener. **Walk-ins will not be tested.**

Those with questions may call Harris County Public Health at 832-927-7575 for more information. Commissioner Cagle thanks Harris County Public Health officials for working with Precinct 4 staff to make both sites available as soon as possible.

### COVID-19 Testing in Montgomery County

Please read the latest information on [testing availability in Montgomery County](#).

## Township News



### Trash and Recycling Service Update

Parking on the street is sometimes necessary, especially now that many of us are home during the day during this time. However, to ensure uninterrupted service for you and your neighbors, please avoid parking on the street on your trash day. If a service or contractor truck is due to visit your home on your trash day, please notify the company and ask that they park in your driveway or in an area where they are not obstructing passage.

### Conroe Independent School District (CISD) Update

Conroe ISD has given an update today on the following items: Graduations, Grading Guidelines, Free Meals, and Facebook Live. Please view the [update letter](#) for specific details.



### **Getting Counted Counts — Especially in Emergencies**

The Township encourages residents to make sure they are counted in the 2020 Census. The U.S. Census is immensely valuable in times of emergency planning, preparedness and recovery efforts for all types of emergencies, including COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Survey statistics can help identify counties with large at-risk populations, assist in measuring economic impact and more. This is only possible when people and businesses respond to the Census. Read more about the [2020 census here](#).

### **Help Our Heroes today, Thursday, April 16, 2020**



Please consider donating materials if you have them on-hand. Your help is greatly appreciated! Collection Days and Locations are Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Central Fire Station, located at 9951 Grogan's Mill Rd., The Woodlands, TX 77380. Please email [pbuck@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov](mailto:pbuck@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov) if you can help.

- **Supplies Needed:**
  - Isolation gowns
  - Gloves
  - Masks – N95s, surgical, procedure, etc.
  - Hair Covers
  - Full Face Shields
  - PAPR Hoods – Typically only used when doing an aerosolizing procedure.
  - Eyewear – Face shields, reusable goggles or disposable glasses
  - Boot Covers / Shoe Covers
  - Germicidal Wipes
  - Disinfectant Spray / Paper Towels





### **Experience The Woodlands with Safe Social Distancing**

Looking to try new restaurants or shops while social distancing? Save this passport to your phone and check off these "destinations" as you support dining and shopping options in The Woodlands. You can visit these destinations by making [purchases from local stores](#) and [ordering from area restaurants](#). Post your progress to encourage your friends and neighbors to participate. Snap photos of your food and purchases and be sure to share them on social media, tagging the business and using #SoWoodlands.

### **Gardening with Children: Easy Strategies During Social Distancing**

With the extra time created by social distancing, gardening is an activity that children of all ages can enjoy. Here are a few [tips to get you started with minimal supplies and minimal cost](#).

### **Please Stay Safe! Practice Social Distancing**

For pedestrians using the pathways, please remain a minimum of 6 feet apart. Be sure to stay to the right, watch for other pathway users, be especially alert when running, and listen for audible signals and allow faster pathway users to pass freely. And remember, parks are closed for everyone's safety.

### **Reminder: Parks Are Still Closed**

The Woodlands Township urges all residents and visitors to continue to do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 and reminds that all Township parks are closed to the public until further notice. "This is an unprecedented time, and we urge Township residents and visitors to abide by the closures for their own safety and the safety of our area," said Township Chairman Gordy Bunch. "We cannot let our guard down in this endeavor."



Numerous resources are available in the community for support. These vary from food banks to financial assistance and much more. Please visit the link below to find more information about resources in the community related to COVID-19:

<http://thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/1491/Community-Resources>.



**Community Resources**


**Mental Health**

[Self Testing](#)  
[Grocery](#)  
[Child Care](#)  
[Make a Mask](#)  
[Food Banks](#)  
[Hotels](#)  
[Business](#)  
[Blood Drives](#)  
[United Way](#)  
[Restaurants](#)

Need some help thinking about all of this? COVID-19

**Mental Health Support Line**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has launched a statewide mental health support line to help Texans experiencing anxiety, stress or other emotional challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This resource offers support for all Texans and can be reached any time day or night at 833-986-1919.



**Mental Health Resources**

The line is operated by the [Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD](#), and offers trauma-informed support and psychological first aid to those experiencing mental health symptoms related to COVID-19. Counseling services are confidential and free of charge. More information on mental health resources and your local mental health authority can be found on [HHSC's website](#).

[View additional state and national mental health resources and contact information.](#)

**Mosaics of Mercy**

Mosaics of Mercy is a non-profit that serves as a hub for resources for mental well-being. The organization stays current on the available mental health resources for our community, including the status of treatment programs, counselors seeing clients through telehealth, and virtual support groups.

More information can be found at [www.mosaicsofmercy.com](#). Help is available Monday - Friday from 9 am - 5 pm at 346-703-0051 for personal assistance navigating resources. There are current resources listed at [https://mosaicsofmercy.com/coronavirus/](#). New episodes of the Hope Pieced Together podcast are released weekly, interviewing local professionals on topics related to mental well-being for this period. [https://mosaicsofmercy.com/hope-pieced-together/](#).

### Suicide Awareness and Prevention Podcast

Mosaics of Mercy has released a podcast on suicide that covers how warning signs might be different right now due to COVID-19 and what to look for, how to open up the conversation with someone, virtual training, what to do if someone shares they are suicidal, resources available now, walking through the grief of suicide and much more. [Listen to the podcast](#). This is also available on iTunes, Stitcher, Apple Play, and all of the other major podcast platforms. The podcast is hosted by Whitcomb Terpening, LCSW. She is a counselor in the area that has one of the only practices in the US that specializes in suicide. She was recently written up in a USA Today article and she is part of the leadership of the local Suicide Prevention Task Force.

### The Township's Coronavirus page

The Woodlands Township's special COVID-19 information page can be found at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19). This page features Montgomery and Harris county Hubs, community resources and updated COVID-19 news from the Federal Government and the CDC. This page also includes the latest news from The Township, updates from partner agencies, social distancing strategies, important links, frequently asked questions, live Twitter feeds and more.

### Hotlines for health questions and COVID-19

Montgomery County: 936-523-5040

Harris County: 713-634-1110

### Free Self-Screening Tool for COVID-19

Visit the self-screening tool on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

### Tracking COVID-19: Local, Regionally, Nationally, Internationally

**Below** are the widgets for tracking COVID19.



- [Montgomery County](#)
- [Texas Counties Statewide](#)
- [Texas Department of Health and Human Services Case Counts](#)
- [Global Cases](#)

### **Stay Connected**

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed).



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*The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding the COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme).*